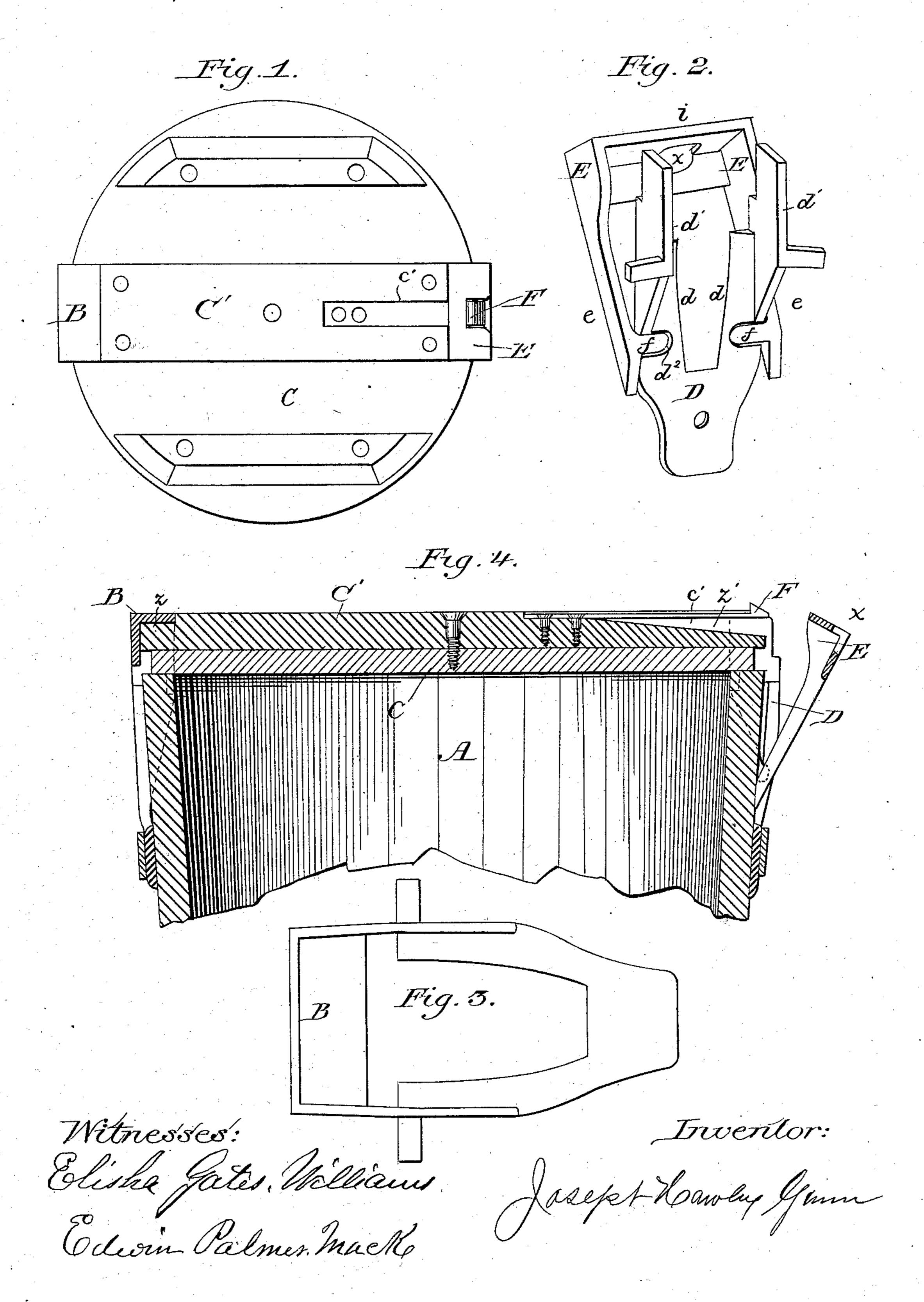
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Joseph H. Gunn, of Brooklyn, in the county of Susquehanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new 5 and useful Improvement in Butter-Pails, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to fastenings for the covers of pails; and its object is to provide a pail with a simple reliable fastening device, so that accidental raising of the cover and occasional loss of the same may be avoided.

The invention consists in the improved con-

struction hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan view of a pail provided with my improved fastening. Fig. 2 is a detached view, showing the inner side of the fastening device. Fig. 3 represents the stationary ear of the device. Fig. 4 is a vertical central section of a pail provided with my improvement.

A represents a pail, of any desired construction, provided at one side with an ear, B, which forms a bearing for one side of the pail-cover. The opposite side of the pail is provided with an ear, D, constructed with the main portion or sides d and the wings d', the latter fitting into the top edge of the pail to receive the other side of the cover or its fastening-cleat. The ear D is also formed on its inner side with

bearings  $d^2$  to receive a locking-bail, E. The 30 latter consists of two arms, e e, each provided on its inner side with a lug, f, to secure the bail to the ear D, as shown in Fig. 2.

The top portion or cross-piece, i, of the locking-bail is provided with an opening, x, to re- 35

ceive the latch of the cover.

C represents the cover of the pail, to which is secured a transverse cleat, C', one end, z, of which fits within the ear B of the pail. Near the other end, z', is a short inclined recess, c', 40 within which is secured one end of a spring-latch, F, by screws or otherwise. When the cleat is in the position shown in Fig. 4 the bail E is turned over the spring-latch F, and the cover is thus held in place.

What I claim is—

The combination, with a pail having the fastening devices B, D, and E, of a cover provided with a cleat, C', one end of which fits in the ear B, while the other end is provided with a 50 spring-latch, with which the bail E engages, substantially as set forth.

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